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PINCHOT SOUNDS WARNING

Tells Legislators State Forests Are in Danger.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.)
Albany, Feb. 20.—Gifford Pinchot, ex-United States Forester, appeared before the Senate Committee on Forest, Fish and Game this afternoon in favor of the bill drafted by the Conservation Commission relating to the forest, fish and game law, in reference to lands and forests. The bill makes important changes in two sections, increasing the size of timber that may be sold and reducing taxation on land under reforestation. The hearing will be continued tomorrow, when Mr. Pinchot will address the committee more at length than he did this afternoon.

In an address delivered in the Assembly chamber to-night Mr. Pinchot said: "Forestry in New York is flourishing everywhere except in the woods. It is time to make it flourish there." Mr. Pinchot said that the Adirondack forest reserve, the largest owned by any state, is in great peril from fires and crude methods of logging.

"No other state has done so much for its lumbermen as New York," he said. "Low taxes, waterways for moving logs at state expense, fire protection and even the repayment of money spent by lumbermen in protecting their own lands with their own men are some of the state's ways in which the people of the state have shown their good will to the lumber industry. What have the lumbermen given in return? The destructive methods of logging they employ threaten the great North Woods with annihilation."

DEMOCRATS SEIZE PLACES

Transfer Tax Appraisers Named Under Exempt Clause.

Albany, Feb. 20.—The Court of Appeals recently decided that the State Civil Service Commission had the right to choose from the competition to the exempt classification twenty-three transfer tax appraisers, and today State Controller Solomon appointed Democrats to succeed Republicans in several counties. They are: Michael J. Garvin, of New York, in place of Headley M. Greene, and John V. Conroy, of New York, to succeed W. Holden Weeks, each of Albany; Charles M. Friend, of Albany, to succeed Edward C. Sturges, of Albany; John J. Meera, of Albany, to succeed John C. Daniel, of Albany; Roland B. Mahany, of Buffalo, to succeed John M. Hull, of Buffalo; John J. Strachan, of Albany, to succeed Maurice A. Phelps, of Albany; Charles E. Cramer, of Troy, to succeed Edmund L. Worden, of Troy; Louis J. Altman, of Stapleton, in place of George J. Wood, of Albany.

The provisional appointment of Robert B. Jones, of Remsen, as transfer tax appraiser in Onondaga County was made permanent at a salary of \$1,000 a year. Controller Solomon appointed Duane J. Van Vleet, of Onondaga, as transfer appraiser, to succeed Randolph Horton, who resigned on his appointment by the Governor as a Supreme Court justice.

BOXING LAW MAY STAND

Saxe Repeal Bill Hearing Adjourned Until March 12.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.)
Albany, Feb. 20.—The Albany Saxe repeal bill, which would repeal the law of last year, in accordance with the recommendation of Governor Dix, many believe received its death blow this afternoon when a hearing on it was postponed until March 12. That date is likely to be so late in the season that there will be little time left to take any decided action on the measure, and probably it will simply die.

All the boxing clubs, which are making money, are against it and are using their political influence against it. Senator George M. Palmer, who is the champion of the bill, chairman of the Codes Committee, which has the bill in charge, said March 12 after reading a letter from P. F. Conway, representing the Irish-American Athletic Association, of New York City, asking for an adjournment because the association is against the Saxe bill and he could not be in Albany to-day. The only one appearing in favor of the bill was C. M. Bovee, representing the West End Association, of Manhattan, who said he was not in the committee room all day was over. Mr. Bovee said that he would write a letter to the committee voicing the objections of the West End Association.

It was with no small degree of surprise that Senator Stillwell read a letter from C. G. Keutgen, for the People's Institute, of New York, announcing that the institute heartily disapproved of the Saxe bill and approved of boxing. Mr. Bovee seemed surprised when the letter was read, and said that he had not expected that.

We feel that boxing in this state should be continued, and of itself the spirit of boxing is mainly and wholesome, and public displays tend to foster among the young men of the state a sense of courage and fair play. We are fully alive to the argument that certain evils follow from boxing, but we believe that the evils are not so great as the benefits. It has been demonstrated that by regulation an able and energetic police commission, such as we now have, these evils can be reduced to a very small proportion.

It seems to us that the existing law could be strengthened by certain minor changes and additions, and to that end we are not opposed to any amendment which would be made shortly to amend the law. The repeal of the law is a step in the wrong direction. Our opinion is strongly confirmed by diligent inquiry among the boxing clubs, and we therefore urge the defeat of the Saxe repeal bill.

DRUNKENNESS INCREASES

Male Victims Grow—No Change in Female Ratio.

Albany, Feb. 20.—A steady increase in the number of persons committed during the last year for public intoxication and disorderly conduct is reported by the State Commission of Prisons in its annual report to the legislature. Of a total of 27,425 commitments there were 25,774 males and 1,651 females, an increase of about two thousand males over the preceding year. The number of females was practically the same. The report says:

The Legislature two years ago passed a permissive law for the city of New York, and later for all cities of the first class, authorizing a hospital and industrial colony for the care of inebriates. The colony has not yet been put in operation, but we trust it soon will be and that the same method may be extended to all cities of the first class, and to all cities of the second class. Some relief will be afforded by the tramp farm colony authorized last winter. More or less of the men who fall into this colony owe their downfall to the drinking habit.

The commission recommends giving authority to any court having jurisdiction to try an accused person to accept a plea of guilty, with the consent of the court, and to acquit him, and to pronounce sentence without the intervention of a grand jury.

POLICE AGE LIMIT PASSED.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.)

Albany, Feb. 20.—The Assembly to-day passed the bill of Assemblyman A. E. Ruddy, making the thirty year age limit for eligibles to the New York police force at the time a candidate files his application for civil service examination. Instead of from the time his name appears on the eligible list.

TWO SLAPS AT DIX

STIR ALBANY GOSSIP

Senate Adjourns as Governor

Sends Important Nominations for Confirmation.

PALMER FAILS TO CALL. TOO

New Democratic State Chairman Indorsed by State Executive—Appointments to Be Made Public To-day.

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Albany, Feb. 20.—With Governor Dix's secretary practically at the door of the Senate chamber to-day to transmit the Governor's nominations of two Public Service Commissioners and a Tax Commissioner to the Senate, on motion of Senator Wagner, the Senate's tender, hastily adjourned.

Senator Wagner had been told that the nominations were on their way, but explained that he had no official notification of that fact, and the Senate had finished its work and couldn't be expected to sit around all day. As a matter of fact, the Senate had not taken up the general officers calendar at all, as it usually does on Tuesdays.

Politicians here construe this action as a deliberate slap at the Governor by Tammany, and that the Adirondack forest reserve, the largest owned by any state, is in great peril from fires and crude methods of logging.

BOSSSES AGAINST BISSELL.

Murphy, of Tammany, and William H. Fitzgerald, his Buffalo associate, have been doing their utmost to prevent the Governor from naming Mr. Bissell, but because of pressure from certain influential financial interests the Bissell proposition stuck. If the Senate's action to-day means anything, it means that the "organization" had been hard pressed enough to violate custom and precedent and virtually insult the Governor to gain twenty-four hours' delay.

There is much dickering and maneuvering over confirmation of these nominations, which would make delay highly important to Murphy now if he realizes that he cannot prevent the Governor from making the Bissell appointment; some Republicans want to vote to confirm him. The Republicans are likely to vote for Mr. Riggs in a body, since State Chairman Barnes has just confirmed. That furnishes the material for the present dickering.

Governor Dix smiled, even if the smile seemed forced, when asked about the failure of his nominations to reach the Senate before adjournment.

"That was due to a misunderstanding," he said. "The envelopes are sealed," he said, "and I think it would hardly be courteous to the Senate to make any announcements until the Senate has received the nominations."

"Will you send the same envelopes, still sealed, to the Senate to-morrow?" he was asked.

"Yes," he answered, "the same nominations will go in."

PALMER DID NOT SEE DIX.

Some people here see a further slight to the Governor in the fact that George M. Palmer, the new Democratic state chairman elected by Murphy last week, did not call at the Executive Chamber to-day when he was expected.

"No, Mr. Palmer did not call," said the Governor, "although I've been waiting all day for him."

Mr. Palmer did not see the Governor's choice. He wanted William Church Osborn or Samuel Tilden, 20. He gave his indorsement to Mr. Palmer though.

"Mr. Palmer is a splendid Democrat," said the Governor. "I met him when I was running for Lieutenant Governor and he for Attorney General. We spoke together often. I suppose I met him at ten or a dozen places, and he's a splendid Democrat and a fine fellow."

And, last there might seem some lack of cordiality in all that, the Governor again repeated his belief that Mr. Palmer was a splendid Democrat.

John H. McCooey, Democratic leader of Kings County, came out strongly last night against the appointment of Edward G. Riggs to the Public Service Commission. He takes the stand that the Democrats of Kings County are not in favor of Mr. Riggs. Mr. McCooey's statement follows:

I saw the report, but am reluctant to believe it until I hear it confirmed. It was obviously counter to the wishes of Brooklyn, which is so obviously counter to the wishes of Brooklyn that it does not seem credible.

Mr. Riggs is not regarded as a Brooklyn man. No public sentiment is felt here in favor of his appointment. Certainly no Brooklyn man would support him. I don't see how the Brooklyn Senators who are in the same organization can vote for him.

Mr. McCooey added that the report that he desired the position for himself was untrue.

URGES WILCOX TO ACT

S. J. Bloomingdale Asks Further Aid for Goldberg Transfer Bill.

Samuel J. Bloomingdale, in a letter to W. R. Wilcox, of the Public Service Commission, suggests that the commission send a personal representative to the legislative hearing to be held to-morrow on the Goldberg transfer bill. It is the opinion of Mr. Bloomingdale that such a course will accomplish more toward the passing of the measure than the written communication which he has already made by letter forwarded to Albany. The letter ends as follows:

The adjournment of the hearing until Thursday of this week furnishes you with the opportunity which I hope you will seize to have your attorney represent you. It is needless for me to emphasize the need of pushing this matter earnestly and vigorously, as otherwise it will sink in the slough of despond, and no one will be concerned so that it fail to receive official support.

Mr. Gurnett's providing that the reserve of trust companies in villages and third class cities must be 20 per cent cash. Mr. Wilcox's appropriating \$50,000 for an administration and demonstration building at the New York experiment station at Albany.

Mr. Sweet's creating a commission on large canal operation.

Mr. Buel's appropriating \$10,000 for a school of sanitary science at Cornell University.

Senator McManus introduced a bill limiting the work of women at night to four hours a day.

Two bills making it a felony for an officer of any corporation under the supervision of the Banking and Currency Law to introduce or introduce funds were introduced by Senator Stillwell.

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